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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Hassan S. Niknafs  
Art Unit : 1724  
Examiner : Bushey, Charles S.  
Serial No. : 10/517,545  
Confirmation No. : 5665  
Filed : Dec. 10, 2004  
For : CERAMIC PACKING ELEMENT  
Docket No. : H-4219C

RESPONSE B

AMENDMENT UNDER 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 2, 2006, and with consideration to the Three Month Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. 1.136 [a]), please amend the specification and claims as follows. Amend the first paragraph on page 1 by substituting therefore the paragraph shown on the second page of this response. Cancel claims 12, 16-26, 29 and 30. Amend claims 1, 6 and 13. Claims 15, 27 and 28 were previously withdrawn. Claims 1-11, 13 and 14 remain in the application. Beginning on page 3 is a complete list of the claims including the status of each claim.